Rehabilitation of certain PSUs

*154. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the question of rehabilitating certain public sector units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):(a) to (c) In the light of the Government's Common Minimum Programme (CMP), the issue regarding the feasibility of revival of the closed Fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) based on market demand and their techno-economic viability has been entrusted to Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers.

The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals has a proposal to rehabilitate Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) and Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL) for extending reliefs/concessions like one time settlement with bank, payment of statutory dues, VRS and fixed/ working capital requirement, sale of land, waiver and sacrifices from the Government, banks and financial institutions and budgetary support from the Government.

Regarding Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has issued winding up orders. However, an Expert Committee to conduct techno-economic study for its restructuring has been set up by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. The report of the Committee is expected by 31st December,2004.

People suffering from mental illness

†*155. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from mental illness at present in the country, State-wise;

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(b) the number of persons deprived of the medical facility, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate medical facilities for mentally ill persons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) It is estimated that about 5% of the population suffers from various psychological disorders such as depression, neurotic, stress related and adjustment disorders. About 1% of the population suffers from a serious mental disorder such as psychotic disorders and 0.5% of the population may be in need of active treatment for a serious mental disorder. However, data relating to the number of persons suffering from mental illness State-wise is not centrally maintained at present.

Efforts of the Government now are to diagnose the mentally ill patients at the early stage and treat them through the general health care delivery system. Adequate medical facilities are available to treat the mentally ill patients. In order to provide increased access and better quality of mental health care, the Government has expanded the National Mental Health Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.139 crores in order to expand District Mental Health Programme to cover 100 districts in the country, strengthen the 37 Government mental health institutes and also psychiatric wings of 75 medical colleges, undertake IEC activities and research and training.

Opening of Ayurveda institute at Thiruvananthapuram

*156. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of an International Institute of Ayurveda in Thiruvananthapuram is pending for sanction;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the project; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?